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Nancy LaTurne

5130 Tecolote NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120

December 1, 2005 10:31 AM

Senator Pete Domenici U.S. Senate 328 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Domenici:

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Thank you for your continued work and I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

Nancy LaTurner

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# James Moore ECC MAIL BOOM

5131Saddlebag Lake Rd., Lake Wales, FL 33898-7110

December 1, 2005 11:17 AM

Senator Mel Martinez United States Senate 317 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Martinez:

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Sincerely,

James Moore

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Randy Bordas

115 1/2 North Front Street, Philipsburg, PA 16866

December 1, 2005 10:32 AM

Senator Arlen Specter U.S. Senate 711 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Specter:

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Sincerely,

Randy Bordas

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FCC - MAILROOM sue cole

3090 nicklas, marina, CA 93933

December 1, 2005 11:14 AM

Representative Sam Farr U.S. House of Representatives 1221 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

## Dear Representative Farr:

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Sincerely,

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YVONNE REPPERT

118 MYRTLE, SOUTH BEND, IN 46637

December 1, 2005 3:26 PM

Senator Richard Lugar U.S. Senate 306 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Lugar:

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Sincerely,

YVONNE REPPERT

cc:

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# Ken OberholtzeFCC - MAILROOM

398 Old County Rd., Stockton Springs, ME 04981

December 1, 2005 3:24 PM

Senator Susan Collins U.S. Senate 461 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

## Dear Senator Collins:

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Sincerely,

Ken Oberholtzer

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30 normandy ave., webster, MA 01570

December 1, 2005 11:48 AM

Senator John Kerry U.S. Senate 304 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Kerry:

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Sincerely,

clifton collins

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**Betty Jean Jackson** 

**FCC - MAILROOM** 

1151 State Rd., Middlebury Center, PA 16935

December 1, 2005 10:34 AM

Senator Rick Santorum U.S. Senate 511 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Senator Santorum:

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Sincerely,

Betty Jean Jackson

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Karen Kay

FCC - MAILROOM

1036 East 9th Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362

December 1, 2005 10:01 AM

Senator Patty Murray U.S. Senate 173 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Sincerely,

Karen Kay

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Mary A. Cox

FCC - MAILROOM

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December 1, 2005 11:33 AM

Senator Lamar Alexander U.S. Senate 302 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Sincerely,

Mary A. Cox

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Betty Reynord

9 shuler street, Lyons, NY 14489

December 1, 2005 11:33 AM

Representative James Walsh U.S. House of Representatives 2369 Rayburn House Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Sincerely,

Betty Reynolds

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# **Erin Osgood**

FCC - MAILROOM

814 S Caledonia Rd, Junction City, AR 71749

December 1, 2005 3:35 PM

Senator Mark Pryor U.S. Senate 257 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

# Dear Senator Pryor:

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Sincerely,

Erin Osgood

cc:

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Maria Scanlan

FCC - MAILROOM

2003 Wave Ave., Medford, NY 11763

December 1, 2005 11:12 AM

Senator Charles Schumer U.S. Senate 313 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Senator Schumer:

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Sincerely,

Maria Scanlan

cc:

#### MARLENE DEBAUFRE

1924 CODD AVE . BALTIMORE, MD 21222-4706

November 30, 2005 11:38 PM

Senator Paul Sarbanes U.S. Senate 309 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Senator Sarbanes:

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Sincerely,

MARLENE DEBAUFRE

cc:

#### Fred Roland

236 Neelys Bend Rd., Madison, TN 37115-4729

December 1, 2005 12:58 AM

Senator Bill Frist U.S. Senate 509 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Sincerely,

Fred Roland

cc:

#### Ron Martin

1426 S. Bridgeton Rd., Rockville, IN 47872-7001

December 1, 2005 5:45 AM

Representative John Hostettler U.S. House of Representatives 1214 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

## Dear Representative Hostettler:

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Sincerely,

Ron Martin

cc:

200 lewis rd 321, san jose, CA 95111

December 1, 2005 12:57 AM

Senator Dianne Feinstein U.S. Senate 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Senator Feinstein:

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Sincerely,

victor johnson

cc:

## Debra Thrasher

2220 Morris Rd, Starkville, MS 39759

December 1, 2005 1:17 AM

Senator Trent Lott U.S. Senate 487 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

#### Dear Senator Lott:

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Sincerely,

Debra Thrasher

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## Margarita Garcia-Notario

37 Draper Avenue, Plattsburgh, NY 12901

November 30, 2005 11:36 PM

Senator Hillary Clinton U.S. Senate 476 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

## Dear Senator Clinton:

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Sincerely,

Margarita Garcia-Notario

cc:

## William Cashen

708 E. Miller, Kingsville, TX 78363-6338

December 1, 2005 1:13 AM

Senator John Cornyn U.S. Senate 517 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Sincerely,

William Cashen

cc:

717 Sanwood Dr, Battle Creek, MI 94015-3015

December 1, 2005 1:02 AM

Senator Debbie Stabenow U.S. Senate 133 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Stabenow:

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Sincerely,

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jeff goff

19124 DAISY LANE, SPIRO, OK 74959

December 1, 2005 12:56 AM

Senator Tom Coburn U.S. Senate 172 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Coburn:

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Sincerely,

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cc:

#### Cynthia Kelleher

18 Wedgewood Dr., Haverhill, MA 01830

December 1, 2005 7:01 AM

Senator Edward Kennedy U.S. Senate 315 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Sincerely,

Cynthia Kelleher

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2020 13th St. NE, Hickory, NC 28601-1234

November 30, 2005 11:36 PM

Representative Patrick McHenry U. S.House of Representatives 224 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Sincerely,

George Max

cc:

#### William Denson

501 Pine Ave, Albany, GA 31701-2401

December 1, 2005 6:37 AM

Representative Sanford Bishop U.S. House of Representatives 2429 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Bishop:

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Sincerely,

William Denson

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68 Valley Street, Adams, MA 01220

December 1, 2005 6:55 AM

Representative John Olver U.S. House of Representatives 1111 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Sincerely,

Cynthia Bird

cc:

## Ron Yaeger

4361 County Road C, Vesper, WI 54489

December 1, 2005 7:08 AM

Senator Russell Feingold U.S. Senate 506 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Sincerely,

Ron Yaeger

cc:

bonita sargent

312 jackson st, borger, TX 79007

December 1, 2005 7:14 AM

Senator John Cornyn U.S. Senate 517 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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Sincerely,

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Lynne McCafferty

3699 Stoughton Rd., Collegeville, PA 19426

December 1, 2005 11:40 AM

Representative Curt Weldon U.S. House of Representatives 2466 Rayburn House Office Bldg. Washington, DC 20515-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Representative Weldon:

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Sincerely,

Lynne McCafferty

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Robert Rieck

3110 NW 49th Street, Lincoln, NE 68524

December 1, 2005 10:53 AM

Senator Ben Nelson U.S. Senate 720 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Nelson:

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Sincerely,

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